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Shattered windows on the sixth floor mark the room in the British Embassy in Washington where a bomb went off while a secretary was sorting mail. (AP radio photo)

Letter-bomb blows off hand of British sec'y in Washington; London under strict security

LONDON. — An anti-terrorist security curtain was lowered around London, Northern Ireland and British diplomats abroad yesterday after a letter-bomb blew off a secretary's hand at the British Embassy in Washington.

In the British capital, Scotland Yard detectives warned they expected a renewed onslaught of letter-bombs across Britain when mail deliveries resume today after a long bank holiday weekend.

A "red alert," or full security preparedness, was ordered in Northern Ireland in readiness for a two-day visit starting today by Prime Minister Edward Heath. (See p. 4).

The Foreign Office warned its diplomatic missions around the world to take extraordinary precautions following the blast at the Washington Embassy.

The explosion at 9 a.m. occurred as Mrs. Nora Murray, 51, a British citizen and personal assistant to the Embassy's military attaché, was taking to George Washington University hospital, where spokesmen

said she had lost her left hand and a finger on her right hand. She was listed as being "in serious condition but satisfactory."

The letter was addressed to Brigadier Sir John Mills, who served in Washington between 1969 and early this year.

Several hours after the explosion, the U.S. Postal Service announced it was withdrawing from the investigation since "we have been advised that this letter was delivered to the British in Washington by the British courier system and did not enter the United States mail stream."

However, acting Attorney General Robert Fico ordered the FBI to conduct a "full investigation" of the explosion.

The explosion caused slight damage to the sixth-floor office of the Embassy, located on "Embassy Row" along tree-lined Massachusetts Avenue in northwest Washington.

The Washington explosion followed a flurry of more than 30 bombing incidents in London during the past week. Letter-bombs

were sent to government and other offices with official connections, and incendiary devices were planted in leading department stores. Most have been linked to the Irish Republican Army.

But John Grigor Taylor, information counselor for the embassy, told reporters: "I'm not connecting this with the London letter-bombing." Asked if he thought the device might have come from the IRA, he replied: "I can't speculate about that."

A report on the Washington blast was sent at once to Foreign Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home at his holiday home in Scotland.

The State Department issued a statement saying: "The U.S. strongly deplores this shocking act of violence against a diplomatic mission accredited to this country and we express our deep regret to both Her Majesty's Government and to the innocent victim of this senseless attack."

In London, officials cancelled all police leave and placed bomb disposal experts on standby alert.

These measures will be reinforced today with a bomb warning being broadcast nationwide every 15 minutes by the British Broadcasting Corp. Other warnings will be relayed by public address systems being set up at train and subway stations last night and by trucks cruising the streets with loudspeakers.

"You can easily say these are the most severe anti-bomb measures we have taken since the war," a spokesman said. "We cannot stress strongly enough the dangers the public faces tomorrow. We are convinced there will be more bombs."

(AP, UPI)

Terrorists from Syria fire at Golan patrol

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

Terrorists crossed the border into Israel from Syria yesterday morning and opened fire on an Israeli motorized and foot patrol. There were no Israeli casualties.

Israel has lodged a formal complaint with the U.S.

The incident occurred at 8.30 a.m. at the southern tip of the Golan Heights in the Rokad valley south of Nahal Golan.

The terrorists apparently crossed the border before dawn and ambushed the patrol. They fired six bazooka shells in two volleys, and then retreated back into Syria under covering light-arms fire from a small force which had remained in Syria. It is thought that all man-

aged to escape unharm.

This is the first incident along the border with Syria since April 26, and one of four incidents since January this year, when the previously volatile border erupted in a 24-hour clash which left the Syrian army severely battered.

Military sources said that yesterday's action was planned with the consent and active aid of the Syrian army, and that the incident was perhaps indicative of a change in Syrian policy with regard to maintaining the cease-fire along the border. The sources did not, however, dismiss the possibility that the incident could have been local, that is decided upon by the area commander.

PAPER FROM PINEAPPLES

JO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP). — A Brazilian inventor from the northeastern state of Pernambuco claims he has solved the world paper shortage with a machine that grinds pineapple plant leaves into paper.

Jose Augusto de Farias told the newspaper "O Globo" that he had been experimenting with pineapple leaves and had invented two different shredding machines.

De Farias, 78, has invented a number of interesting items, including a grass juice and whisky made from bread fruit.

SWEDISH KING SLIGHTLY BETTER

HELSINGBORG, Sweden (AP). — Sweden's aged monarch Gustaf Adolf still clung to life after five days in a respirator following an emergency operation. The King's doctors said yesterday that his condition had improved somewhat, although still termed highly serious.

The King's personal physician, Professor Gunnar Björck, who is working with a team of 30 colleagues fighting for the King's life at the local hospital, said the recovery in the King's condition was "remarkable."

Must keep Olympics from Moscow

In the light of what happened at the World Student Games, Israel should work to keep the 1980 Olympics from being held in Moscow, the chairman of the Knesset Sport Committee, Avraham Katz of Givat Ze'ev, told a group of young people

in Jerusalem yesterday. He justified sending the Israeli athletes to Moscow but said that Israel should have applied more pressure through diplomatic and other available channels, to prevent what happened.

(JTA)

Centre bloc fate to be decided in next few days

By MARK SEGAL, Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The centrist bloc negotiations should be resolved either way within the next few days. This opinion is held in common by all the partners to the talks — Gahal, the State List and the Free Centre.

Much will depend on the outcome of today's Gahal Executive sessions. Ariel Sharon of the Liberals and Ezer Weizman of Herut are expected to strive to convince their colleagues, especially Herut Chairman Menachem Begin, to make it easier for Free Centre Chairman Shmuel Tamir to extricate himself from the impasse.

While negotiations between Gahal and the State List are to all intents and purposes over, those with the Free Centre are still embedded in a thickening smog of heavy suspicions.

The main focus of activity was on the State List yesterday. In the morning their leaders — Yigal Hurwitz and Zalman Shoval, met with Gahal — Simcha Ehrlich of the Liberals and Ezer Weizman of Herut, who were joined in the latter half of the meeting by Mr. Begin.

The outcome of the meeting was satisfactory to both sides. Gahal sources reported near agreement while State List circles were reluctant to go further than admit that both sides came nearer and "there are qualified indications of goodwill on Gahal's part."

The Free Centre's spokesman, Ehud Olmert, yesterday reacted angrily to the Gahal-State List meeting. "They held one-sided talks behind the Free Centre's back whereas tripartite talks are officially continuing," he said. "This behaviour confirms our fears as to Gahal's real intentions... The Free Centre considers this a clear breach of contract..."

From Gahal sources it was learned last night that the State List is still demanding its first three places on the joint list be among the first 30, while Gahal is offering Nos. 7, 22, 31 and 35, with the apparent understanding that the State List will improve its position should the Free Centre break off talks tomorrow.

As to ideological issues, Mr. Begin has apparently agreed that on the question of direct mayoral elections, Gahal will accept the formula of mayors being elected by a plurality of the electorate. Hitherto the stumbling block had been Gahal's cleaving to a 50 per cent majority, with the State List opting for the Labour Party's line of a 40 per cent.

As to electoral reform, Mr. Begin's stand — which was formulated also with an eye to his Liberal partners in Gahal — was that each party will be bound by its convention's resolution and once the elections are over, the Likud as a whole will review the matter.

Liberal Party sources considered these points major concessions on Mr. Begin's part. They hold that they cut the ground from under Mr. Tamir's feet in his main demands for the platform.

Meanwhile Mr. Weizman called on Mr. Tamir yesterday in an effort to advance the negotiations. On the previous day, Mr. Weizman lunched with Mr. Begin.

In the evening Mr. Tamir met with the State List but the anger which fed Mr. Olmert's earlier statements was missing by then. Mr. Tamir was deeply interested in getting a first-hand report from Messrs. Hurwitz and Shoval on their earlier meeting with Mr. Begin and other Gahal leaders. They advised him of the satisfactory outcome of that meeting and both concurred that the talks have gone on too long and should finish within the next few days, either way.

Last night Herut and the Free Centre were blaming each other for the procrastinated talks. Free Centre sources charged that Mr. Begin was holding up things in the hope that Mr. Tamir would break off negotiations over the issue of Knesset seats, while Herut accused simply they could hardly conduct negotiations under the shadow of Shmuel Tamir's tantrums.

KURDS PROTEST IRAQ ATTACK

BEIRUT (UPI). — Iraqi troops clashed with armed Kurds in Sinjar, northern Iraq, last week in an attempt to wipe out sabotage activities, the official Iraqi newspaper "Al-Thawra" said yesterday.

The newspaper quoted an official source as saying Iraqi authorities were forced to take the necessary measures to protect lives and property. But the source did not say if the clashes caused any casualties.

Baghdad's Kurdish newspaper "Al-Takmil" said on Sunday that the Kurdish population of Sinjar staged a 12-hour strike on Saturday to protest the Iraqi army attack on the area. The paper was not published on Saturday in solidarity with the strikers.

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Iraq's Kurdish minority, led by Mulla Mustafa Barzani, had fought the Iraqi government for 10 years until a peace agreement giving the Kurds a degree of autonomy was reached in March 1970.

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Sadat ends secret trip, sees Gaddafi Wants unified oil policy to put pressure on U.S.

By ANAN SAFADI, Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat yesterday returned to Cairo from a secret five-day visit to Saudi Arabia, the Persian Gulf state of Qatar, and Syria. Cairo Radio said that Sadat held lengthy "closed" talks with the respective heads of these states: King Fahd, Sheikh Khalifa Ben Hamad Al Thani, and President Hafiz Assad.

Sadat's tour of the three states was "an effort for unified Arab action, and for the use of oil and capital against the treacherous Zionist enemy," the radio added. That Sadat's tour was part of the Arab effort to "liberate the occupied Arab land."

A statement issued on the Qatar talks said "there can be no peace in the Middle East unless Israel withdraws to the pre-June 1967 frontiers, and restores the rights of the Palestinian people."

Cairo Radio gave no specific details on Sadat's trip. But the radio emphasized that Sadat went on a pilgrimage to Mecca, Islam's holiest shrine, to pray to God "to lead the Arabs to victory, and support them in liberating the occupied Arab land from Zionism."

Sadat also went to Saudi Arabia's Red Sea port of Jidda on Thursday for talks with King Faisal. On Friday, he flew to Qatar to see Emir Sheikh Al Thani, apparently to ask for financial aid and the use of the Arab oil as a political weapon.

The Egyptian President went to Syria on Saturday for a three-day conference with President Assad. Sadat's talks in Damascus were attended by Syrian Defence Minister General Mustafa Tlas.

Several hours after his return to Cairo yesterday, Sadat plunged into talks with Libyan head of state Muammer Gaddafi, who arrived in Egypt unexpectedly on Friday night. The Libyan leader was apparently unaware of Sadat's surprise tour.

The Egyptian and Libyan leaders were expected to wind up their talks towards merger of their countries. The merger was scheduled to go into effect next Saturday. Sadat has been trying to back out of the merger. But the talks reportedly concentrated on salvaging the proposed union either through a new declaration, or a plebiscite on September 1.

Cairo's semi-official "Al-Ahram" yesterday said last night's meeting between Sadat and Gaddafi would define "future steps towards the merger."

Gaddafi was quoted yesterday in Beirut as saying he would hold Egypt responsible for any failure to achieve the proposed union on schedule. In an interview with Beirut's

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Jerusalem	43	17-26	17-27
Golan	33	17-26	17-27
Nahariya	33	22-30	22-31
Safed	45	17-26	17-27
Haifa	35	24-29	24-28
Tiberias	46	20-28	21-26
Nazareth	37	20-28	21-26
Afula	43	20-28	20-32
Shomron	49	19-26	18-26
Tel Aviv	60	22-28	22-29
Lod	48	22-28	22-29
Jericho	38	22-28	22-27
Gaza	26	21-27	21-27
Beer Sheva	40	22-28	22-30
Elitz	34	22-28	22-29
Tiran	18	27-35	28-34

Social and Personal

President Ephraim Katzir yesterday received the Minister of Interior, Dr. Joseph Burg. On Sunday, the President received the Finance Minister of Mauritius, V. Ringadoo, and a group of lecturers from the Baerwald School of Social Work, led by Professor Yona Rosenfeld.

Foreign Minister Abba Eban yesterday held a farewell dinner for the Ambassador of Ecuador, Dr. Ernesto Valdivieso, attended by Health Minister Victor Shemtov and Mr. M. Sherover.

Mr. Gene L. Mesh of Cincinnati, Ohio, and his family, yesterday visited the Weizmann Institute and were welcomed by acting president Israel Dostrovsky.

A farewell reception was held by the Journalists' Association in Jerusalem yesterday, in honour of Eliahu Atiyeh, former spokesman of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. He has been appointed to take charge of industrialization in the administered areas. The Association also welcomed Gad Sosa, who replaces him as Ministry spokesman. Present at the reception were the Minister, Haim Bar-Lev, and senior Ministry officials.

DEPARTURES

Labour Party International Secretary Michael Maritz, to London, to attend the Executive Bureau of the Socialist International, where he will press the Labour Party's demand that the scheduled meeting of the International Council be transferred from Malta, otherwise the Israel party will boycott the meeting.

ILP raps Meir stand on marriages

A combined meeting of the Independent Liberal Party's Knesset faction and leadership bureau, chaired by Knesset leader Gideon Hausner, sharply scored Prime Minister Golda Meir's refusal to "let the Cabinet discuss equal rights for Conservative and Reform rabbis."

At the meeting, "in Jerusalem yesterday, it was indicated that the Government helped the Orthodox rabbinate preserve its monopoly in the celebration of marriages."

Zealots appeal to Waldheim

The ultra-orthodox Neturei Karta have called a demonstration for this afternoon to dramatize their case for what they call a "special refuge for Jews" with a view to disassociating themselves from the Zionist blasphemy.

In a mimeographed broadcast in English addressed "to the world press, the group says the rally will be held at the U.N. offices near where the Mandelbaum Gate used to be. Their leader, Amram Blau, will present a "lengthy memorandum" setting out their case to the U.N. officials for transmission to Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim during his visit here Thursday and Friday.

Rabbi Blau apparently asked to meet Dr. Waldheim, since the broadcast says he could not see him because of his tight schedule. Rabbi Blau will address the gathering on what he calls "Jewry Sober Up after 25 Years of Zionist Power-Drunkness."

Break-down silences peace ship

ASHDOD. — Able Nathan's "Peace Ship" interrupted its broadcasts on Sunday due to a broken generator, and one report indicated that financial troubles may cause him to go off the air altogether.

An unidentified crew member indicated that members of both the ship and radio crews have left. Funds are low despite commercial advertisements and fund raising activities in Israel.

Able Nathan confirmed in an Israeli Radio interview that the ship is having money troubles, but said that he would somehow keep broadcasting. He estimated that it cost about IL40,000 a month to keep the ship going.

South African Zionist Federation

A MEMORIAL MEETING

for the late

ARYE LOUIS PINGUS

will be held tomorrow, Wednesday, August 29, at 4.45 p.m., at WIZO House, 38 Rehov David Hamelech, Tel Aviv.

Speakers: Mr. S. M. Lewis, Chairman; Rabbi Dr. L. Y. Rabinowitz; Judge Paul Landau; Mr. Israel Dunsky; Mr. Sam Rubenstein.

'Mottie' Friedman up for tax evasion of more than IL2m.

TEL AVIV. — Mordchai ("Mottie") Friedman, former general manager of the Netivei Neft oil company, was charged in the District Court here yesterday with over IL2m. worth of tax offences, "committed through fraud and under grave circumstances."

Also included in the indictment are Leslie Shimson, an accountant closely associated with Friedman, and Friedman's private drilling company, Continental.

Mordchai Friedman headed the Netivei Neft oil company which took over the Abu Rodels oil fields in Sinai after the Six Day War. He resigned last year following the Witkon Commission of Inquiry into the company's affairs. Only one of the three members of the inquiry commission recommended Friedman's dismissal, but a public outcry followed the publication of the commission's findings, and Friedman resigned of his own accord.

Submitting the 17-count charge sheet, Tel Aviv District Attorney Yacov Kedmi said that Friedman, assisted by Shimson, had concealed



MORDCHAI FRIEDMAN

earnings through "tricky, fictitious deals," extensively planned and implemented over a long period of time. Friedman was also charged with illegal currency transactions in Swiss banks.

According to the charges, Friedman had been an employee of the Continental Oil Company, a Canadian firm, until May 31, 1962. Leslie Shimson at the time served as accountant for the company's Israel branch.

When Continental decided to liquidate its holdings in Israel, Friedman offered to buy its equipment.

'Citizen' says he was kept waiting

An investigation has been ordered into a complaint that a post office clerk left a line of people waiting while he went about his private business.

The Government Press Office announcement said that "a citizen" had complained that he had come to the Post Office Bank in Tel Aviv one day during business hours and had been left waiting while the clerk dealt with his own private affairs. The Civil Service Commission, who ordered the investigation, said that if it bore out the complaint, the clerk should be tried before a disciplinary tribunal.

Hartzfeld has urgent operation

TEL AVIV. — Avraham Hartzfeld, 85, chairman of the Histadrut Agriculture Centre, was admitted to Beilinson Hospital yesterday for an urgent operation. The operation was successful.

Demand for Labour action on wider status for women

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Labour Party is being asked by its women's section to adopt a bill of women's rights containing proposals for legislative reform to extend equal rights to women in all phases of Israeli life. It will now have to be acted on by the Labour Party platform committee headed by Minister without Portfolio Israel Gelin. Their proposals contain, by implication, scathing criticism of the present status of women in Israel.

The Status of Women in Israel study group headed by party women division head Na'ava Arad included Nurith Katzner, Esther Herlitz and Alisha Tamir and adopted the draft proposed by Mrs. Shulamit Aloni.

One of the more outstanding recommendations is abolition of penalties for abortions, and as well as equal rights for husband and wife both during marriage and after divorce. They also urge reform of husband's rights in cases where the wife is the main breadwinner, and wife altering the present legal definition that only the man is the head of the family.

They demand that the Ministry of Education see to it that the ideals of sex equality be imprinted in its text books. Finally, the Labour Party was urged to ensure wider opportunities for women in all levels of society and in its representation in the Histadrut, local authorities, the civil service, the Knesset and the Cabinet.

Mrs. Aloni told The Jerusalem Post yesterday of her concern that the newly-enacted and gazetted law concerning the property of married couples was regressive as far as women's rights were concerned. This was particularly so in respect of the women's share of the common property of the couple.

On August 1, 1962, the company gave Friedman an option on condition he paid IL200,000 in four installments, the last one to be paid in April 1963.

But, the District Attorney said, Friedman started his own drilling operations on June 1 (two months before the agreement was made), under the foreign company's name so as to evade taxes. He continued to represent himself as an employee to the tax authorities after his ties with the Canadian company had been severed.

At the same time, Leslie Shimson covered up Friedman's operations in his reports to Continental of Canada, the District Attorney said.

Friedman and Shimson allegedly manipulated the Canadian company's bank accounts in this country so as to conceal the true extent of their business activities. "Between June 1, 1962 and October 31, 1965," the charge sheet states, "Friedman made no less than IL2,649,263 from his drilling operations, under the name of the Israeli branch of the Canadian firm. "The actions of the two accused, and the arrangement under which Friedman operated the equipment, point to fraud, cheating and trickery, all for the purpose of tax evasion."

Another charge says that in the years 1964 and 1965 Friedman made a deal with the Naphtha company for the use of his equipment. He allegedly made himself out to be a representative of Continental (of Canada) and of a Bahaman oil drilling firm. In the middle of 1965 Friedman founded the Continental Drilling Company — the third party indicted — in which he held 90 per cent of the stock.

In the sale of the Canadian firm's equipment to Friedman's company, Leslie Shimson, acting as accountant in the sale, set "a fictitious price" of \$385,000, the charges read. This was to enable Friedman to obtain benefits from the Government Investment Centre and to increase the amortization rates of his equipment. The prosecution also claims that the Bahaman company had never owned any of the equipment to begin with.

Nevertheless, Friedman applied for and received permission to purchase foreign currency from the Treasury to pay the Bahaman company.

On September 22, 1965, Friedman's Continental company applied for approved enterprise status, submitting the \$385,000 sale agreement, "as evidence of its business activity," in the full knowledge that the price was fictitious and highly exaggerated with the purpose of deceiving the Investment Centre so as to obtain the benefits accorded to an approved enterprise.

The prosecution went on to say that in 1968 Friedman sold Continental's drilling equipment to Midbar, a company registered in Britain, transferring to it his rights in the Naphtha contract for \$600,000. For an additional \$100,000, Friedman undertook not to engage in oil drilling operations for five years.

In January, Continental was liquidated and Leslie Shimson was appointed liquidator by the stockholders. According to the District Attorney, Friedman and Shimson continued their financial operations while the company was in the process of being liquidated.

The prosecution said it will summon 31 witnesses, including senior income tax officials, Netivei Neft employees, representatives of the Canadian company and senior police officers.

SEVENTY WORKERS, mostly in the building trades, are to be sent for advanced training to Germany, Switzerland and Austria, in a course of next year. The Ministry of Labour sent 60 workers for training in these countries this year.



President Ephraim Katzir shakes hands with Yosef Haj Yehia of Tayibe, the first Arab to be appointed as a judge of the Jerusalem District Court at a judges' swearing-in ceremony at the President's residence in Jerusalem attended by Justice Minister Yacov Shimshon Shapir (right). Other judges sworn in were: District Court: Yehuda Weiss, Yacov Bazak and Yacov Tikhel; Magistrate's Court: Yehoshua Ben-Shlomo, Eliahu Cohen, Uri Shrozman and Yohanan Eisman. (Rabamim Yisraeli)

Alignment mobilizes for Histadrut poll

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Alignment with 10,000 election workers in all parts of the country, is gearing its resources for the final phase of the Histadrut election campaign. Alignment election head Avraham Ofer told reporters here yesterday. He noted that Premier Golda Meir and other Ministers, including Defence Minister Moshe Dayan, were now fully taking part in the campaign.

Mr. Ofer said the Alignment will mobilize 60,000 men and women on Histadrut election day, September 11. They will include members of polling committees on two shifts, election supervisors and officials to round up the voters and transport them to the polls.

During the coming week there will be a dress rehearsal of "operation election day" in every locality. The Alignment campaign will reach its climax next Thursday with a mass rally at the Tel Aviv Cinema addressed by Premier Golda Meir and Histadrut Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon.

Mr. Ofer noted that the more than one million Histadrut voters will cast their ballots in 3,070 polling stations. The Alignment campaign headquarters' main purpose is to produce a mass turn-out. In the 1969 elections only 65 per cent of eligible voters actually turned out at the polls, and this time they are aiming at 75 per cent. He did not consider

Election notes

An advertisement in "Davar" the meeting in Holon, charged yesterday Histadrut daily, yesterday urged that the spread of conspicuous consumption was more responsible for the deepening sense of social disintegration and frustration, than the actual pockets of poverty. He pressed to ignore the various inquiry committee reports on poverty, "because we are busy dealing face to face with these problems."

The newly-elected Central Committee of the Histadrut Cooperative Centre yesterday called on the Labour Party to assign a safe place on its Knesset list to Israel Gill as the cooperative movement's candidate. Mr. Gill, one of the top Eged executives, was last week nominated by the bus cooperative as its Knesset candidate. This made inevitable his adoption by the Cooperative Centre which is dominated by the bus cooperatives.

Volunteer student girls yesterday wound up a two-day campaign to elect Shlomo Lahat Mayor of Tel Aviv. The 70 students had handed out flowers and Mr. Lahat's calling cards to 10,000 passers-by at centrally located sites in town — in Jaffa, in the Harkon Quarter, and in the Mograbi Circle and Kikar Madaresh.

Social Welfare Minister Michael Hazani addressing an NRP election

meeting in Holon, charged yesterday that the spread of conspicuous consumption was more responsible for the deepening sense of social disintegration and frustration, than the actual pockets of poverty. He pressed to ignore the various inquiry committee reports on poverty, "because we are busy dealing face to face with these problems."

'RABBIS NOT DOING ENOUGH'

Rabbis don't do enough to save the spiritual image of the people. Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef told a conference of rabbis in Jerusalem yesterday.

The Chief Rabbi told the group, assembled for the forthcoming high holidays and month of Elul, that rabbis in Israel should not just function in the synagogue, but that they must go to the people and speak to it in its language and the language of the age.

She noted that the law was rushed through the legislative process, and in order to acquire the cooperation of the NRP chairman of the Knesset Law Committee. Wider powers were extended to the rabbinical courts.

She pointed out that the law going into effect on January 1, 1974, would give women married after that date. She noted that hitherto the civil courts have followed the liberal interpretation of the High Court of Justice of women's rights to common property, but the new law gives new powers to the rabbinical courts which, going by the halacha, deny women any equal rights whatsoever in such matters.

Aliza Tamir of the Alignment told a meeting in Kiryat Shmona yesterday that more money should be budgeted for the working woman. She said that larger allocations were needed for grants for children of working mothers and more new nurseries for them.

The Ministry of Labour today covers 60 per cent of the cost of running a nursery and also pays a grant of IL37.50 to mothers earning up to IL750 a month for each child kept there, she said.

Mrs. Herlitz wants 25% women's quota

TEL AVIV. — Esther Herlitz, who had been promised a Knesset seat in 1969 but did not get one, said yesterday that a 25 per cent quota for women for the Knesset and local councils was a necessary interim step.

Speaking to a gathering here, Mrs. Herlitz, who resigned as head of the Centre for Volunteer Services at the Prime Minister's Office to stand for the Knesset on the Alignment list, said that this was an undesirable but necessary step to improve the quality of Israeli society.

While the sense of Security Council Resolution 242 was to bring the warring parties in the Middle East to the conference table, Mr. Fidler thought Israel should "indicate" what she would offer when confronted with Egypt. Egypt had gone on the record that she was ready to negotiate if Israel withdrew from all territories gained in the 1967 war, he said, and Israel could thus call Egypt's bluff.

Mr. Fidler belittled the influence of oil on Britain's moves. "We shall be fifty per cent self sufficient in ten years, anyhow (from the North Sea)."

Chambermaid jailed for jewellery theft

A chambermaid with six children who hid IL50,000 worth of stolen jewellery in her underpants was sentenced to six months imprisonment in Jerusalem magistrates' court yesterday.

Iliga Komaznia, 42, was found guilty of secreting the jewellery, left behind by a couple from Argentina, in a room in the Diplomat Hotel in Jerusalem. When the couple discovered that the jewellery had been left behind and it was not found, the maid was searched and it was found in a plastic bag on her person.

Judge Moshe Haason, in imposing six months jail term and nine months suspended sentence, said that while he considered the mitigating circumstances, he could not ignore the seriousness of the crime and the value of the jewellery.

VETERAN POLICE Investigator Eliahu Liza, who has been on the Bekef police force for 25 years, was promoted yesterday to the rank of Metaksh (inspector).

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Speakers: Mr. Avraham Harman, President Prof. Simon M. Herman Mr. Gideon Shimoni

Quality of Tel Aviv air as bad as Osaka, worse than London

By YITZHAQ OKED

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The quality of Tel Aviv's air has deteriorated alarmingly this past summer, and is now as bad as Japan's second largest city, Osaka.

According to Yosef Tamir, chairman of the Knesset Ecology Committee, he told a press conference yesterday that the quality of air in Tel Aviv is now worse than in London.

The press conference was called to sum up the work of the committee and the present Knesset term. The Ecology Committee will have to decide whether the committee should remain, Mr. Tamir said.

He claimed the authorities are not doing enough about ecology. "Mrs. Golda Meir gave the longest speech in her career last month (summarizing the Knesset debate on the Prime Minister's office), 10,000 words, but she did not even mention ecology or Israel's water problems," he said.

The Minister of Finance recently complained bitterly that in recent home election meetings, he has been pestered about ecology and pollution, when he would like to talk about other things.

"I am pleased that ecology has finally become an election issue," he said. "Maybe now through the voters, the ministers will pay more attention to their environment," he said.

According to a University of Tel Aviv study, air pollution in Tel Aviv comes from uncontrolled burning of fuels — the thousands of chimneys which have risen in Tel Aviv for central heating, the Reading TV power station, and automobile exhaust fumes.

Mr. Tamir said the report points to first signs of changes in the composition of residents' blood because of air pollution.

According to a different report,

the Eilat seashore is in grave danger of becoming contaminated and killing the organic matter in the sea. A big hotel's sewage is flowing straight into the Gulf.

Electric Corporation fuel oils are also finding their way into the sea, in addition to the pollution from the port and the ships coming in and out.

Mr. Tamir also pointed out that many chimneys are being sold houses in potentially dangerous industrial areas. "Even the Ministry of Housing is involved," he said.

As an example he pointed out that 160 housing units are going up in one of the most dangerous (to the health) industrial areas in the country, near Haifa. Mr. Tamir dramatized his point by inviting residents of Hashlocha Street in Snel Brak to the press conference.

The residents of the street, who recently moved into their new houses, claim that no one told them that the area was an industrial zone, and that a number of four-story-high industrial buildings complex have been planned metres away from their houses.

A delegation of the angry residents stormed in waving placards and holding babies and small children. They claim that the Mayor of Snel Brak says that since the land is industrial there is nothing he can do.

Mr. Tamir promised the delegation that he would call the Ministry of Interior to intervene.

Mr. Tamir said that during the summer period that their committee has been working (18 months) they had managed to get several ecology laws passed, including stiffer penalties for captains of ships that pollute the seashore with oils or fuels. They are now liable to stiff fines, and if second offenders, to jail sentences of up to six months, he said.



Teachers satisfied Schools to open next week as scheduled

By SARAH HONIG

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Agreement was reached in the early hours of yesterday morning between the teachers' union and the Ministry of Finance which in effect assures that the school year will open next week as scheduled.

Settled was the question of special emoluments paid to school principals and inspectors according to the number of classes they nominally supervise. Teachers' representatives and Ministry officials met again last night to iron out remaining details.

The issue of the emoluments for inspectors and principals, the highest ranking employees in the profession was not included in last week's basic agreement with Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir on wage increase for all teachers with four years ex-

perience or more. The inspectors and principals wanted to maintain the wage differential between the teachers and themselves.

The agreement finally reached is a compromise in which most of the concessions came from the teachers. It assures that the inspectors' grants would increase by 11 per cent and the principals' by six per cent, both retroactive to April. For the month of May they will receive a one-time increase of 8.9 per cent.

The teachers' main concession is that they had wanted the raises to be calculated on the basic salary. This would have meant far greater pay increases.

One important issue, however, remains unresolved and both sides have agreed to leave it dormant till the coming spring. The teachers say that the additional benefits they have won will not affect bargaining for the 1974-75 work contract, which is expected to start either in the winter or spring.

They feel that the new increases fall within the framework of the current agreement and merely equate their pay with the salaries of the engineers, to whose pay scale their own is linked. The Minister of Finance, however, has gone on record to say that the agreement effectively completes wage negotiations on the upcoming contract.

Ex-commander of 7th Brigade here for reunion

LOD AIRPORT. — The man who com-

manded the 7th Brigade throughout much of the War of Independence arrived in Tel Aviv yesterday to attend the Brigade reunion at Lod tomorrow. He is Ben Dunkelman, a Canadian Jew who commanded the 7th from July 1948 until the end of the war.

Dunkelman, who was the Brigade's second commander (after Shlomo Shamir), retired from the Canadian army with the rank of Colonel. Today he runs an art gallery in Toronto.

Interviewed by "Nrg" at the airport, he described himself as a "Golem Meir man." "I'm one of those Jews who would be ready to shoot ever she asked from us," he said. (Beulah story — page 6)

Israel first in building flats, Peres says

ASHDOD. — Israel is first in the world in the building of flats, Transport and Communications Minister Shimon Peres said here yesterday.

Mr. Peres, speaking to immigrants at the Absorption Centre here, said that Israel builds 17 housing units for every 1,000 inhabitants, while Sweden builds only 11 per 1,000. Israel's major task was immigrant absorption but all the efforts being done could not answer all the immigrants' demands and they would have to be patient, he said.

He cited Ashdod, which was settled mainly by immigrants from North Africa, as an example of successful absorption. (Nrg)

Haifa U. enrolment will rise to 5,500

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The number of students at Haifa University is expected to rise from 4,700 to at least 5,500 in the next academic year. Some 4,200 new applications have been received, 1,000 more than last year.

"We even have applications from the West Bank," says Eliezer Rafail, Acting President of the university. Israeli Arabs and Druse are also applying in growing numbers, he notes.

The university is trying to promote higher education among the

Oriental communities and is expanding its "one to one" programme coaching students who lack the educational basis to keep up in their university courses. Under this programme one senior student is assigned to tutor one freshman until he can stand on his own feet.

Seven university departments now offer courses up to M.A. level. They are history of maritime civilizations, education, social work, anthropology, psychology, philosophy and Bible studies.

A pre-academic course that began in July is preparing 50 students without matriculation certificates to enable them to enroll in regular studies in 1974. The course is attended by a large number of family men over 30-years-old, half of them from Oriental communities. Each of the 50 was selected on the basis of a personal interview.

The university is also giving courses to outside students in a growing number of subjects. Forty-two persons, most of them retired, have just completed a course on gerontology, sponsored by the Haifa Labour Council under its "Guided Retirement Programme." The graduates will use their knowledge in preparing men and women for retirement.

A two-year course on maritime business will cover such subjects as shipping and ports administration and international trading and monetary practices. Most of the students already selected are working people, and the lectures will be given in the afternoon. Similar courses will be given on business administration, public services and specialized management. In November a two-year course will be opened for hotel managers in cooperation with the Hotel Owners' Association, the Tourism Ministry and the hotel school of Cornell University in the U.S.

Shatta quiet after Jews, Arabs riot

Jerusalem Post Staff

AFULA. — A strained quiet prevailed at Shatta penitentiary yesterday after the violent riot between Jewish and Arab prisoners on Sunday night. Jewish and Arab prisoners, who until the outbreak had shared cells, were separated.

The 328 inmates at Shatta are divided about equally between Arabs and Jews. The average term is five years. Despite occasional scraps, prisoners sentenced for criminal or security offences, whether Arabs or Jews, were kept together.

Three members of the Knesset

Interior Committee will visit Shatta next week to investigate the incident.

In the 15 minutes of wild fighting, inmates battled each other with iron bars and pieces of furniture. Eighteen prisoners, Arabs and Jews in about equal numbers, were injured. In addition, one Border Policeman from the force rushed to the scene was also hurt.

Shatta is in Rmek Jezreel, near Kibbutz Beit Alpha. In August 1968, it was the scene of Israel's biggest-ever prison break, when 66 Arab security prisoners got away and 11 persons were killed, two of them warders.

U.S. Senator Mondale here

LOD AIRPORT. U.S. Senator Walter F. Mondale said yesterday that

he and other Senate Democrats would vote for Henry Kissinger's confirmation as President Nixon's new Secretary of State.

Arriving here by TWA for a six-day visit as guest of the Foreign Ministry, the 45-year-old Democratic Senator from Minnesota praised Dr. Kissinger, saying that "his personality and abilities definitely qualify him for such a post."

Sen. Mondale, who is visiting Israel for the first time, will meet with Prime Minister Golda Meir, Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Alon, Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir, Foreign Minister Abba Eban, Defence Minister Moshe Dayan, and other Cabinet Ministers and government officials. (Nrg)

Water polo team to Belgrade

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel's national water polo team left for Belgrade yesterday to take part in the world championship matches starting next week, amid reports that the Yugoslav authorities are taking extra-precautionary security measures to protect the Israeli team against a possible terrorist attack.

According to an AFP dispatch from Belgrade, the authorities there have sent all foreigners "known for their political activities" to enforced "vacations" outside the Yugoslav capital. The lodgings designated for the Israeli team are being kept secret, the French news agency said.

The Israeli team will play in the games minus two of their best players, Yosef Samuel and Robert Rosenthal, suspended from international games because of a fight they got into with Iranian players in the preliminary matches held in Tehran two months ago. Their suspension remains in effect until their case is heard by the disciplinary committee of the International Water Polo Association.

Kollek: Wall demolition was hard decision

By BRIAN ARTHUR

BONN. — Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek has declared that the most difficult decision of his life was after the Six Day War when he ordered the demolition of the wall between the Jewish and Arab quarters of the city.

"I think I was the loneliest man in the world at the time," said Kollek according to an interview published in the newspaper "Bild am Sonntag."

"The Government was against tearing down the wall, the military was against it, everyone was against it. The only man who stood behind me was Defence Minister Moshe Dayan."

"Everyone assured me that when the wall falls and Jews and Arabs who had fought each other bloodily for decades, come together there would be a massacre unlike anything seen before," Kollek said, according to "Bild."

Kollek outlined his broad policy towards the city's Jews and Arabs: "I'm no boy scout doing good deeds. But support of the Arabs is in our own interest."

"It's nonsense to say Arabs and Jews must love one another. I don't think they will ever do that. It's simply a matter of whether we will be tolerant enough to give the Arabs the possibility to live the way they want."

SOCCER SEASON OPENS SATURDAY

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The soccer season opens on Saturday for the country's "minor league" teams E, C and D, who will start elimination matches for the State Cup. They will be joined by the National League and League A on September 15 in the State Cup games.

The regular League season begins on October 3.

Israel hoopsters meet Alabama College today

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel's national basketball squad meets Alabama College this evening in the opening international tournament game before the European Championship due to take place in Barcelona next month. The game starts at 9 p.m. at the Yad Eliahu Sports Palace.

At 7:15 p.m., the Greek national team plays against Ambassador College.

NEW BEACH AT EL ARISH

By H. BEN ADI

Jerusalem Post Reporter

EL ARISH. — The country's newest beach, with smooth sand, palm trees and no admission charge, was inaugurated one kilometre north of here by the military governor, Aluf-Mihne Menahem Abayov yesterday.

The beach was ready in 20 days at a cost of \$100,000, the derivation by the civilian administration of the military government. It has two local life-

guards trained in Israel, dressing rooms, showers, a first aid station, a kiosk, shade and palm groves for picnicking.

A/M Abayov said that while the beach was opened mainly for army personnel and excursionists from the north, it is open to everyone. Local residents have another beach with life-guards south of El Arish. The mild climate will make it possible for the beach to have a longer season than those in the north.

After six years as military governor of Northern Sinai, A/M Abayov will be leaving at

the end of the month. He is to be replaced by Sgan-Aluf Yitzhak Segov who will be promoted to Aluf-Mihne.

A/M Abayov noted that in 1967, the El Arish area had 30,000 social welfare cases, today some 6,000 mainly old and sick people, still need support. The town has full employment and a shortage of workers. The 180 refugee families who moved there two years ago are fully integrated.

Local industries include two sewing plants, one locally owned and one owned by Kitan Dimona, and an Israeli-owned furniture factory. An ILLM steam laundry is due to be inaugurated by the settlers of Nabal Dikla, financed by the Jewish Agency and the settlement department of Batar. It is expected to compete successfully with Beersheva for the patronage of hotels in Eilat, despite the greater distance.

Last night the Beduin chiefs of northern Sinai held a festive evening for the outgoing military governor.

Torah institute in memory of 'The Nazirite'

A Torah institute in memory of

Rabbi David Cohen — "The Nazirite" — will be built in Jerusalem,

the holy man's son, Rabbi Shear Yashuv Cohen, has announced on the first anniversary of his death on Sunday.

The institute, to be called "Nazir David," will be built in the "Torah-Hinuch" quarter planned for observant Jewish families in Jerusalem's Telaput suburb.

Rabbi David Cohen, who died last August, was one of the foremost disciples of Rabbi Kook, the first Chief Rabbi of Palestine. He was a Nazirite, and did not cut his hair, drink wine or spirits, or eat meat for over 50 years.

The memorial service marking the first anniversary of his death yesterday was attended by Chief Rabbi Eliahu Goren and other dignitaries.

Better conditions demanded by Pardess Katz

Bnei Brak. — Residents of the

Pardess Katz quarter of this town, which last week saw violent demonstrations, yesterday voiced their demands for improved conditions at the local vocational school, facilities for youth and for better sanitation in the area.

In a letter sent yesterday to the journalists of the Tel Aviv area, the public council set up in Pardess Katz, after the demonstrations, indicated that due to a lack of equipment the vocational school did not teach a number of courses considered mandatory in the Ministry of Education programme. The area also has no library, youth centres, or sports fields.

The letter also complained that an open market, set up when there were large immigrant camps in the area, still contributed its filth, despite empty shops in a nearby shopping centre. Garbage collection was also criticised.

Pardess Katz has some 30,000 residents. (Nrg)

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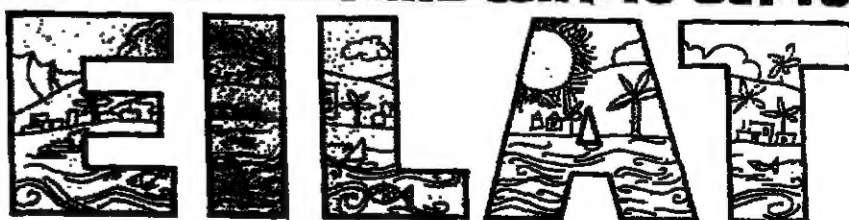
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Swedish police delay plan after gunman's threat to hang hostages

STOCKHOLM (UPI). — Police early yesterday postponed a plan to inject gas into the bank vault, where gunman Jan-Erik Olsson and another convict have been holed up since Friday, when Olsson said his four hostages would die from hanging when the gas began to affect them. But Police Chief Kurt Lindroth gathered his forces for a new attempt to end the ordeal.

An attempt to use gas against Olsson, 32, and Clark Olofsson, 26, was abandoned when Olsson said he had tied a noose around the four hostages' necks in such a way that they would be strangled as soon as the gas made them unconscious.

"It's hard to believe there are such beasts among us," Chief Lindroth said.

Lindroth said the plan to inject gas through three holes in the roof of the vault was "postponed" when the hostages—one male and three female bank employees in their 20s — "begged us to save their lives — they were in utter despair."

He said police had a new plan to end the drama, which began on Thursday in the offices of Kreditbanken in a downtown Stockholm square.

In a dramatic message to the families and parents of the hostages, Lindroth said: "I want to say that your youngsters are alive, but we don't know much about their condition. We have provided them with some water and sandwiches."

He said the three young women hostages, who earlier said they were "having a good time," are now "extremely worried."

Police officials said the sanitary conditions inside the vault, which measures 3x12 metres, "must be awful at this stage."

Olsson called Premier Olof Palme personally in his office on Friday and threatened to kill one of the hostages while Palme was on the phone. If he refused to guarantee safe conduct, Government officials said yesterday.

"I'll kill the gal in one minute if you don't let me out," Olsson shouted over the line.

Officials said Palme waited calmly as the gunman went through a countdown from 60 and down to zero.

STILL IN CONTACT

Police are still in contact with Olsson, a safecracker who escaped from prison, via an intercom telephone in the vault.

Olsson is armed with explosives and a sub-machinegun, which he used on Sunday night when he fired a shot through a ventilator drum, without injuring anybody.

Carl Lidbom, Minister without Portfolio and close adviser to Premier Palme, said there were reports that Olsson set fire to \$375,000 of ransom money inside the bank vault. But there was no confirmation.

Rhodesians kill seven guerrillas

SALISBURY (UPI). — Rhodesian security forces killed seven African guerrillas in weekend clashes in northeastern Rhodesia, a government spokesman said yesterday.

The deaths boosted the number of guerrillas killed since attacks began last year to almost 100. An official communiqué also reported that an African school headmaster was murdered by guerrillas last Saturday in the northeastern Kendeysa area.

FACTS SPEAK THE TRUTH SOMEONE CARES!

As a result of cooperation between the Histadrut and the Government, a worker's pension rights are now maintained when he changes his place of work. This year, linkage between pensions and National Insurance Allowances has been discontinued, and tens of thousands of pensioners are already feeling the benefit of this development. Retirement pensions have been linked to the average national wage, an arrangement found in very few countries.

MISHAN, which assists those suffering from hardship, operates in many population centres. From the beginning of 1973, the Unemployment Insurance Law is being administered by the National Insurance Institute.

The Disability Insurance Law has already received a first reading in the Knesset.

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Kissinger: 'Mideast most dangerous spot'

NEW YORK (UPI). — The conflict between Israel and the Arabs makes the Middle East "probably the most dangerous spot" in the world, according to Henry Kissinger in an interview with "Time" magazine.

"The Middle East is probably the most dangerous spot. I still hope that we can find a basis for negotiations between the parties there," said Kissinger, who was nominated last week by President Nixon to succeed William Rogers as Secretary of State.

Kissinger, who still faces Senate confirmation, will combine the duties of the secretary of state with those of national security adviser to the President.

Kissinger did not go into details of his Middle East policies in the interview.

Saying "we have a lot to do," Kissinger listed the following areas of foreign policy where he plans to concentrate his energies, but did not elaborate on any of them:

- "We want to revitalize our relationships with our friends in Europe and Japan."
- "I intend to make a major effort to reinvigorate Latin American policy."
- "We will work to maintain the settlement in Indochina within the limits now prescribed by Congress."

Kissinger returned to the Western White House yesterday after a round of meetings with his new aides in Washington, a spokesman said.

One of Kissinger's first orders of business will be to replace Charles Bracy, the department's chief spokesman, who resigned when Kissinger was appointed, the spokesman said.

(See Kissinger Page 6)

Lebanon bans suspicious goods from Rumania

BEIRUT (AP). — Lebanon yesterday banned the import of a limited number of industrial, chemical and agricultural products from Rumania for fear they may be coming from Israel, the government announced.

A statement said the banning was in accordance with Arab League decisions and the Arab boycott of Israel regulations.

The banned items include grinding machines, air conditioners, rubber products, aluminum sheets, pipes, medicines, insecticides, potassium carbonates, phosphoric acid, soya, oranges, bananas and grapefruits.

The statement said some of these products are made by joint Israeli-Rumanian concerns or reach Rumania through barter deals and are then reexported.

Italian boys freed after melon uproar

TORONTO, Italy (Reuters). — Five youths aged between 14 and 17, held in jail for 10 days on charges of stealing a melon, were given provisional liberty yesterday, after a hearing before a local magistrate in this northern Italian town. They faced between three and 10 years in jail for theft.

Four killed in panic at Brazil soccer match

TERESINA, Brazil (AP). — Four soccer fans were crushed to death and more than 100 others injured when panic broke out during the inaugural game at a stadium in a small Brazilian city, police said yesterday.

The incident occurred Sunday in Teresina, capital of the remote northern state of Piaui. The governor said 35,000 fans had packed into a new stadium to watch Teresina's first game ever in Brazil's national professional soccer tournament.

Early in the first period of a match between local team Tiradentes and the famous Fluminense club of Rio de Janeiro, fans began scrambling to climb over a high fence that separated the grandstand from the playing field, witnesses said.

Police and state officials said they did not know what caused the panic. There were rumours that someone in the crowd had yelled that the stadium was collapsing. Another version said a fight started after a fan threw a bottle at another person.

The game was suspended for nearly two hours, as policemen and firemen restored order and rushed injured fans to hospitals. The teams decided to resume play, to help calm the crowd, and the game ended in a scoreless tie.

Police confirmed the death toll. Local newsmen said they were three middle-aged men and a boy around 18.

Pauli is regarded as the South American country's poorest and most backward state.

Gunshots among the bikinis

CATANIA, Sicily (AP). — A man elbowed his way through the bikini-clad contestants in a beauty pageant, snatched the microphone and shouted into it:

"Turi Papale, if you are here, come out."

Then Catania's beauty contest erupted in shooting. Police said it was a gangland clash.

The girls screamed. Hundreds of people in the beach nightclub ran for safety.

Police said five persons were injured in the weekend shooting. Two, they added, were Sicilians wanted for months on criminal charges.

Both were in critical condition at the local hospital. The others included a girl and two youths who police said were innocent victims.

A group of men fled in a fast car before police arrived.

UNRWA expects \$10m. deficit

BEIRUT (Reuters). — The U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) expects a deficit of about \$10m. in next year's budget, it was stated here yesterday.

The disclosure followed a meeting of the UNRWA advisory commission yesterday to discuss the annual report by Sir John Rennie, the UNRWA Commissioner General. The commission is formed of representatives of Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Egypt — which act as host countries for the refugees — and the U.S., Britain, France, Turkey, Belgium and Japan. This year's budget deficit amounted to \$3m.

Two disgraced Chinese make reappearance

PEKING (Reuters). — Two former Chinese Communist Party leaders disgraced during the Cultural Revolution have made their first public appearance here since the late 1960s.

The Communist Party journal "People's Daily" reported yesterday that 67-year-old Ulan Fu and Tan Chen-lin, 70, Sunday night attended the first day of the Asian-African-Latin American table tennis match.

Ulan Fu was an alternate member of the all-powerful Party Politburo and party chief of the inner Mongolian autonomous region. Tan was a full Politburo member.

The "People's Daily," reporting their reappearance, did not mention their former titles or present status. They are the two most important figures to be rehabilitated since the reappearance last April of Teng Hsiao-ping, former Communist secretary-general.

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Key witness against Agnew passes lie detector test

NEW YORK. — The key witness in the bribery case against Vice President Spiro Agnew has taken a lie detector test, which showed he told the truth about delivering extorted funds to Agnew, "Time" magazine reported.

Key witness Jerome Wolff, president of Greiner Environmental Systems, Inc. of Baltimore and a former top Agnew aide, took the F.B.I. polygraph test, after he claimed that Agnew has extorted bribes from state and Federal contractors.

"The polygraph showed that Wolff told the truth about personally delivering funds extorted from contractors to Agnew while he was Maryland Governor and county official," the magazine said.

Lie detector tests are usually inadmissible evidence, but Wolff's test may be used to convince prosecutors they have a strong case against a prospective defendant in Providence, Rhode Island yesterday, an organization established to defend President Nixon against Watergate charges said it is raising private contributions at the rate of \$3,000 a day.

Rabbi Baruch Korff, chairman of the National Citizens Committee for Fairness to the Presidency, said Sunday a total of \$86,000 has been donated by more than 10,000 contributors in a month.

The committee has rented an office in downtown Providence and has employed 10 full-time staffers to sort mail contributions.

He said the organization has purchased newspaper advertisements in 22 key cities to argue that the President is not getting a fair deal from the Senate Watergate Committee or the media. An ad published on Sunday in the "New York Times" said Nixon is innocent of "Watergate wrongdoing, and urged him not to release tapes of Watergate conversations with White House aides."

(AP, Reuters)

Comment from Warren

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast (AP). — Retired Chief Justice Earl Warren of the U.S. yesterday condemned violations of human rights from "apartheid to near genocide" and the "perverted use" of modern communications technology.

Without directly mentioning the Watergate scandal, Warren, a Republican, said at a world gathering of some 2,500 jurists here that modern communications can spread knowledge around the world and

also invade the privacy of individuals.

"But even if the same technology can produce both," he said, "there is a world of difference between bugging and broadcasting. We must expect our statesmen to be able to make that distinction."

Warren called for "new and vigorous" steps to protect the individual against intrusion into his private life.

Dyes could slow cancer

CHICAGO (UPI). — Ordinary light striking certain non-toxic dyes could retard the growth of cancerous tumors and in some cases cause malignancies to retreat, cancer researcher Thomas J. Dougherty said yesterday.

In a paper to be presented at a meeting of the American Society of Cancer, Dougherty said his experiments with mice showed the dyes penetrate to the site of the tumor and eat away at it when activated by ordinary light.

He said the dyes, fluorescein and hematoporphyrin, do not collect in normal tissue.

"Before attempting on man what has so far been a highly encouraging new cancer therapeutic procedure, we are attempting to optimize the conditions to achieve complete tumor cell destruction in our experimental animals," he said.

Dougherty, who is associated with the Roswell Park Memorial Institute of Buffalo, New York, told the chemists his technique holds promise as a method of treating a broad range of tumors.

Dougherty said preliminary results at Roswell Park, with mice having solid tumors implanted beneath the skin are encouraging.

Italian chided for ambition to be president

ROME (AP). — An Italian post office employee who said his ambition was to be head of state was last week told he would be disciplined for "blatant lack of respect."

When last December Liberto Parisi, 34, whose job is to sort packages in the post office of Agnigiano, Sicily, got a questionnaire from the post and telecommunications ministry about employees' "aspirations," he decided to be quite frank.

Answering query No. 25, "Indicate preference for future work," he wrote down: "president of the republic."

Last week, eight months later, he got a letter from the post office provincial director, Giorgio di Benedetto, notifying him that he would be given disciplinary punishment. Benedetto accused Parisi of displaying an "aggressive attitude."

"I've a clean police record and I'm a loyal Italian citizen," Parisi said. "The only constitutional requirement I do not meet yet is the age." Minimum "age" for an Italian president is 50.

Heath to attend Belfast Protestant service today

BELFAST (Reuters). — Armed guerrillas yesterday blew up a tavern not far from the Protestant cathedral where British Prime Minister Edward Heath will attend today's memorial service for former Northern Ireland Premier Lord Brookeborough.

It was the third blast close to the cathedral since Friday. Heath is expected to make his only public appearance at the cathedral during his two-day Northern Ireland visit. Security officials anticipated a serviceman.

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Dissidents plead guilty in Moscow trial; new arrests feared

MOSCOW. — Two former dissident leaders went on trial here yesterday on charges of working against the Soviet state, and dissident sources said the trial may result in new arrests.

Soviet historian **Fyotr Yakir**, 50, the son of a Red Army general executed by Stalin in 1937, and Viktor Krasin, 44, went on trial in a Moscow city court and pleaded guilty, the Tass news agency said. It said both men, arrested last year, had confessed and "repented" during preliminary investigations.

There have been frequent reports that Yakir had denounced other dissidents to the secret police (KGB), and dissident sources said they feared they would be called as witnesses and later arrested themselves.

Tass, which produced a lengthy report yesterday in contrast to its usual coverage of trials, said that both Yakir and Krasin had given information to their KGB interrogators.

Yakir's arrest in June last year was a serious blow to the dissent movement in the Soviet Union, and the disclosure that he and Krasin had both given information to their activities was regarded by observers as the virtual death of the movement.

Apart from campaigning for more freedom of expression in Soviet society, the dissent movement published facts about secret trials, arrests, searches and censored writings in the Soviet Union.

Although Tass said the trial was open, the tightly guarded courtroom in the southeastern suburb of Lyubimov was inaccessible to foreign correspondents.

A foreign ministry official at the court said the men were being tried in the building's biggest room but there was not enough room for newsmen because of a crush of "interested citizens."

Tass said both men pleaded guilty to an indictment charging them



Fyotr Yakir

with cooperating with an anti-Soviet émigré organization.

Yakir and Krasin were alleged in the indictment to have received directives, money and subversive publications from the Peoples Labour Union (NTS), an anti-Soviet émigré organization. They were also said to have received money from an Italian neo-fascist organization, Europa Civiltà, according to Tass.

Tass also said both men had acted as paid informers to certain foreign correspondents in Moscow, regularly reporting to them on all kinds of rumours and conjectures.

The charges could bring them a total of 12 years in prison, labour camp and exile. (Reuters, UPI)

General strike in Beirut set for today

BEIRUT (UPI). — Government and union officials held last minute talks yesterday in an attempt to avert a 24-hour general strike called by the unions for today, government sources said.

Union officials, however, said the strike almost certainly would go ahead as planned. The General Confederation of Workers has called the strike to protest what it calls spiralling prices and control of markets by monopolies.

Security forces will be out in strength today to prevent incidents and to control demonstrations, official sources said. Left-wing unions have scheduled a major demonstration that one newspaper said would be the biggest Beirut has ever seen.

The strike will close all shops, factories, businesses and the port. Beirut International Airport will close for one hour.

Gabriel Khoury, president of the Confederation of Unions, has warned that if action is not taken to hold down prices, the Confederation will call a strike of unlimited duration. But he has emphasized that the strike is not specifically aimed against the government and is not political in nature.

The strike comes amid problems already caused by water and electricity shortages in Beirut.

The French-language newspaper "L'Orient le Jour" commented yesterday, "Strike, blackout, thirst: a black week is beginning."

The government of Premier Solh has promised action and has ordered the arrest of any baker who attempts to raise his prices. It has allowed the setting up of a special "people's market" that is selling goods at cost plus a maximum of five per cent. The government also has announced a five per cent increase in the approved minimum wage.

Chad opposition head murdered on Paris street

PARIS. — Dr. Outil Bono, Director of Public Health of Chad, was fatally shot by an unknown assailant on Sunday morning on a quiet Paris street. Bono was a leader of the opposition party in Chad.

Dr. Bono, who had been living in Paris since June 1972 and working at a Paris hospital, had just stepped into his car parked near his apartment. A white man had apparently followed Bono, opened the door of the car and fired two shots into his head. The assailant then escaped in a car parked nearby.

Bono was to have held a press conference here today to announce his party's proposals for governing Chad.

The party, the Democratic Movement for the Renovation of Chad (MDRT), was formed this month in Paris. Its main objective is the overthrow of Chad President François Tombalbaye. (AP, Reuters)

DEUGS. — Thai police have seized 3,656 kilograms of raw opium and morphine in northern Thailand, narcotics suppression chief Lt. Prachub Santharungkul said yesterday.



Freed Cypriot Justice Minister Christos Vakis with his wife and children on Sunday.

Makarios reportedly plans Greek visit

NICOSIA (Reuters). — President Makarios, who seems to be gaining the upper hand in the long bitter confrontation with underground leader General Grivas, is likely to visit Greece next month for talks with President George Papadopoulos, authoritative sources said here yesterday.

The visit, possibly in the second week of September, would show that President Makarios was more confident about the internal situation in Cyprus than at any time this year.

He witnessed a strong demonstration of support last Friday when several hundred Greek Cypriot Enosis supporters.

Vakis was freed on Sunday night after a month in the hands of Grivas supporters in a secret hideout.

Grivas, the 75-year-old campaigner for Enosis — union with Greece — said in a letter to Mrs. Vakis three weeks ago that her husband had been "arrested" because he was responsible for police ill-treatment of Enosis supporters.

Allies plan to reject U.S. Atlantic plan

LONDON (UPI). — The United States has already presented its European allies with the outline of a new Atlantic declaration to meet the changed requirements of the 1970s and some allies have indicated they will reject it, diplomatic officials said yesterday.

The U.S. move stems from President Nixon's and presidential adviser Henry Kissinger's suggestions earlier this year that the relationship with the European allies needs modernization. This is to bring it into line with the changes which have taken place in the international scene since the North Atlantic Treaty Organization was shaped a quarter of a century ago.

The draft declaration pledges continued American presence in Europe but wants greater burden sharing by the Europeans for the maintenance of American troops on the continent, the officials said.

The United States wants a "declaration of principles" to emerge from the projected summit talks which President Nixon intends to hold in European capitals later this fall.

The draft declaration, the informants said, suggests a set of principles dealing with the continued American commitment to Europe, the attitude of the United States to the European Community and vice versa, a reaffirmation of the respect for the sovereignty of all nations that sign the declaration and recognition of the importance of continuing collective security in the West. There are also suggested links — resisted by the Europeans — to economic and monetary issues in the future trans-Atlantic relationship.

European governments have been somewhat alarmed since Kissinger's first suggested earlier this year what he called a new "Atlantic Charter." A recent outline of a tentative blueprint circulated among Europeans has received a very chilly reception. Most Europeans appear to dislike it and some, including France, to reject it, according to the officials.

In the light of America's latest proposals and an impending European visit by Kissinger for advance soundings, European governments have stepped up consultations lately but are still without an agreed negotiating position.

U.S. diplomats hunt housing in E. Germany

BERLIN (AP). — A U.S. delegation crossed into East Berlin yesterday to begin discussions about quarters for an American legation and its staff after the U.S. and East Germany open diplomatic relations. Negotiations for diplomatic recognition are expected to begin in September in Washington.

The seven Americans from the State Department went through the Berlin Wall at Checkpoint Charlie on the first of a series of daily visits that are expected to continue for about a week.

A U.S. spokesman emphasized that the group would not conduct negotiations for diplomatic recognition.

"Primarily they are seeking suitable quarters for a chancellery and housing for a staff," the spokesman said.

The East German observer at the U.N. already has been to Washington to set up an agenda for September's negotiations. Recognition is not expected until after both East and West Germany enter the U.N. this fall.

There are no clean nuclear bombs

HIROSHIMA (AP). — Carrying a placard reading "There are no clean nuclear bombs," Mayor Seisuo Yamada, of Hiroshima, which was hit by an atom bomb in 1945, joined some 120 other Japanese protesters in the Peace Park yesterday to protest the reported fourth French nuclear test in the South Pacific.

Manila trial delayed after accused calls it mockery

MANILA (AP). — A military tribunal ordered a one-week postponement yesterday in the trial of former Senator Benigno Aquino after the detained opposition leader refused to defend himself in a proceeding he called an "unconscionable mockery."

Aquino was being tried yesterday on a charge of illegal possession of firearms. He was scheduled to face a second trial before a military court September 3 on a charge of murder, and a third trial on September 7 on a charge of subversion involving an attempt to overthrow the government. These charges carry the death penalty.

The postponement came on a motion by the chief military prosecutor, Lt.-Col. Juan Sison.

He said he was following the suggestion of the Philippine Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court, at a hearing Sunday on a defense appeal for an injunction against the military trial, said it needed more time to deliberate. The justices asked the tribunal to halt its proceeding for a week.

Defense sources said they expect the Supreme Court to conduct further

hearings on whether Aquino was being deprived of his constitutional rights by having to face a military tribunal.

Making his first public appearance after 11 months in detention, Aquino, the former secretary-general of the opposition Liberal Party, dismissed his battery of 10 civilian and two military lawyers and remained alone on the stand during the hour-long proceedings which never got around to his arraignment.

Referring to the martial law regime of President Ferdinand Marcos, Aquino told the tribunal, "I have decided not to participate in these proceedings, first, because this ritual is an unconscionable mockery, and second, because every part of my being is against any form of dictatorship."

"I realize the consequences of my decision."

Following Aquino's declaration, the military court postponed his arraignment until Wednesday. It later approved Sison's request for a postponement on behalf of the Supreme Court, according to a spokesman at the defense department.

'New York Times': End Olympics

NEW YORK (AP). — The New York Times said yesterday that the "sorry display of chauvinism" at last week's Moscow World University games raises the question whether the Olympic Games should be abandoned altogether. The "Times" editorial said:

"International athletic competition, though often hailed as a means of fostering unity among nations, has a long history of doing exactly the opposite. Fueled by intense nationalistic flags and anthems, the Olympic spirit tends

to give way to individual and group chauvinism.

"The deplorable spectacle, not only of discord between national groups but even of organized anti-Semitism, during last week's World University Games in Moscow, confirms these divisive tendencies. The melee between the Cuban and American basketball players, during which the Americans appear to have comforted themselves with admirable restraint, may perhaps be written off as a routine act of belligerence in the heat of battle. But the

deliberate and officially sanctioned vendetta the Russians carried on against the Israeli team smacked of political warfare.

"The Soviet Union had a special stake in upholding a spirit of fairness at these games, which it meant to use as demonstration of Moscow's suitability as site for the 1980 Olympics. The murders by Arab terrorists of Israeli athletes during the Munich Olympics and the more distant memory of the 1936 Berlin Olympics, with their blatant exploitation for purposes of Nazi propaganda, give special significance to the sorry display in Moscow. Such abuses raise the question whether the Olympic torch of international sport has become so inflammatory that it might best be extinguished altogether."

NO ALTERNATIVE

However, Olympic sources in Moscow said yesterday that there is no logical alternative to Moscow for the 1980 Olympics.

Sports administrators from the United States and other Western countries have some reservations, but they say that from the point of view of sportsmen, the Russians would stage the Olympics well.

Doubts are mainly over communications — and to a lesser extent, the intrusion of politics. Lord Killanin, president of the International Olympic Committee and his senior vice-president, Count Jean de Hasmont, saw the Israeli team greeted with derisive whistles by the crowd at the opening ceremony.

But the Olympic chiefs had left Moscow when the anti-Israeli demonstrations reached their peak.

Dr. Primo Nebiolo of Italy, president of the International Federation of University Sports, said when asked about harassment of Israelis, "I have heard about these things and we are investigating. But we have no official complaint from the Israelis."

Dictator's daughter runs for President

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP). — Senator Maria Eugenia Rojas de Moreno of the opposition Nacional Popular Alliance has become the first woman in Latin America to be nominated as a Presidential candidate.

Mrs. Rojas de Moreno is the daughter of former dictator General Gustavo Rojas Pinilla, founder and leader of the alliance.

Rojas Pinilla declined to run for President and nominated his daughter as the party's candidate at a meeting on Saturday. The session was to mark the 19th anniversary of a government decision giving women political rights.

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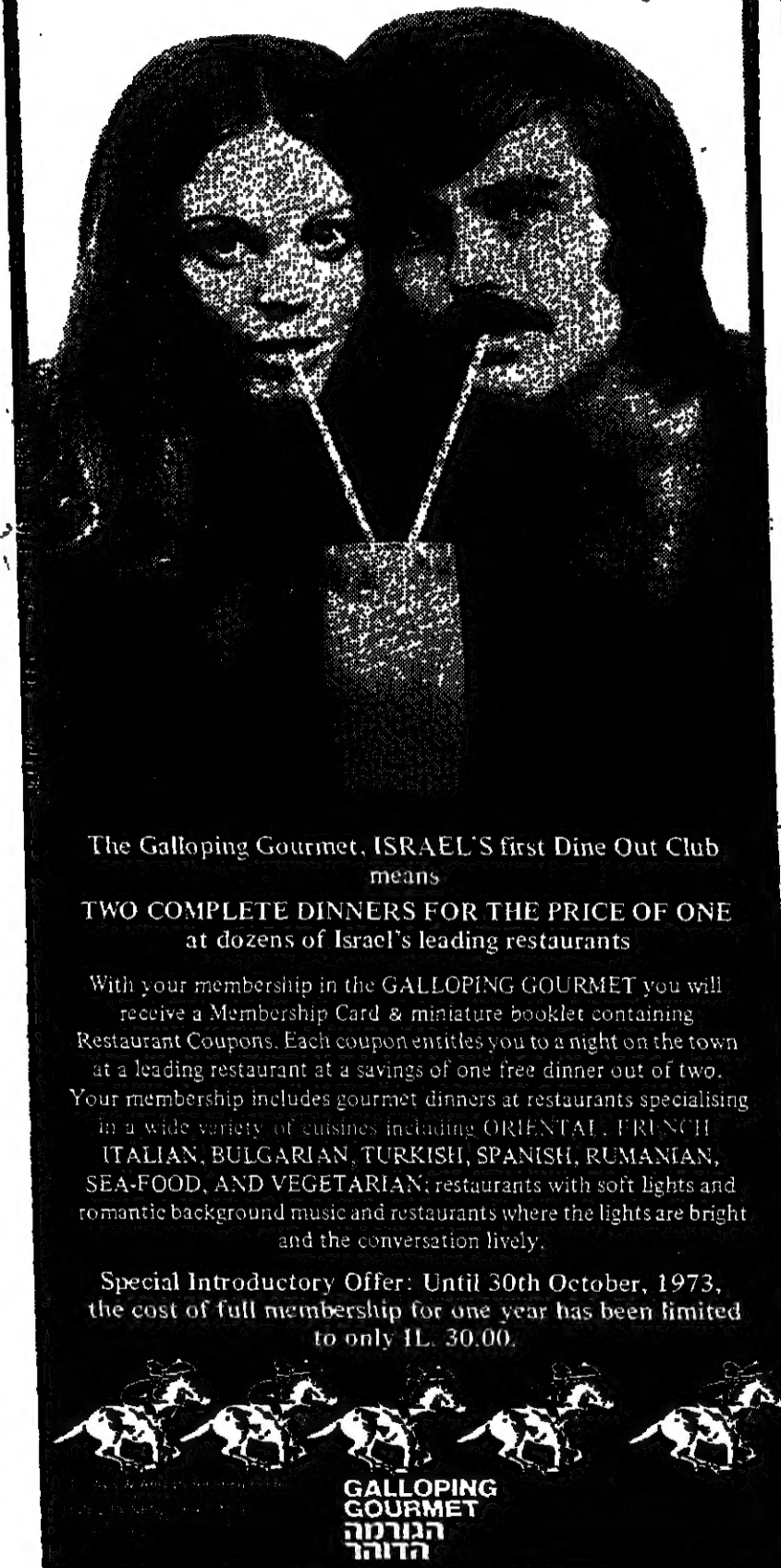
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How the 7th won its spurs

The 7th Brigade returns, for a peaceful reunion, tomorrow to Latrun, scene of two defeats at the hands of the Arab Legion. Post reporter Ze'ev Schul tells how the Brigade turned defeat into victory.

A French Hotchkiss tank tilted at an awkward angle and seemingly still threatening the red tiled roofs of Kibbutz Degania Aleph has become a national monument. This, the guides will tell you, was where the advance of the Syrian Army was halted during the War of Liberation 25 years ago.

Compared to the modern steel monsters the Hotchkiss seems a harmless little thing and its stubby cannon little more than a pop gun. A defender stopped the tank by lobbing a single "Molotov cocktail" — a home made but effective (in those days) anti-armour weapon.

What most of the sightseers (and the guides) do not know is that this little Hotchkiss was the twin of a Syrian tank which somehow managed to end up in Lake Kinneret nearby and was subsequently pulled out to become the first to go into service with the defence forces. It was, so to say, the first armoured "tooth" of the fledgling army. It was deployed from the back of a truck in the conquest of the Megiddo police fort (its clutch had burnt out during a trial by an armour expert — a new immigrant arrival from the Red Army).

The 7th, one of the first three brigades of the newly organized defence force, was during the early days in May 1948, known as "the Foreign Legion." Under the command of Aluf (rea.) Shlomo Shamir it contained an unusually large number of new immigrants. Many of them had little more than a few days of basic training in Sarona, the former German Lutheran village then on the north eastern outskirts of Tel Aviv which was later incorporated into the Kiryat.

There was a problem of communication with Yiddish being the lingua franca. A knowledge of some Russian and Polish helped.

The 7th was still an infantry unit at the time but the 82nd Regiment was already absorbing its first delivery of tanks — more of the Hotchkisses and a couple of Cromwells WW II veterans — stolen from British Army camps. (One unconfirmed version had it that one of the Cromwells was actually found out in two and abandoned in a gorge near Haifa. It was later welded together and operated by a crew of British Mahal volunteers.)

This was of course in addition to the collection of home made armoured cars incorporating a revolving turret with a medium machinegun and eventually even some light cannon. The armaments were hastily added after the British left. The British would not allow the Hagana to use anything more formidable than turretless cars armoured with iron plate. They were not permitted to armour the roofs of the cars with the result that these vehicles were particularly vulnerable in hilly areas — a fact quickly discovered by the Arabs. The armoured cars also had to bear broad white bands painted around their middles — ostensibly to identify them to the British but serving as ideal identification for the Arab snipers.

ISRAEL AS A FIG-LEAF IN FRONT OF ARAB OIL

WITH the voluminous talk of the "energy crisis" and the eternal tension in the Middle East, a great deal of attention has been focused on the possibility that the U.S. may have to back away from its support of Israel because of its need for Arab oil. We often wonder whether the West isn't more obsessed with Israel than the Arabs are.

Some Arab nations have long made rhetoric about oil and Israel, of course, and the current concern arises because Saudi Arabia has started to join in. Lobbying for a more pro-Arab U.S. policy by Mobil and Standard Oil of California, two of the partners in Saudi Arabia's main oil consortium, apparently results from something King Faisal said to their executives. But we wonder just what the king said, and what he meant by it. Smaller well-publicized remarks by his oil minister, Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, seemed on close examination to peter out into remarkably vague and mild statements. We wonder whether the whole issue is being kept in perspective.

Take, for example, the "energy crisis," which in fact is America's

adjustment to becoming a larger-scale importer of oil like other industrial nations. Saudi Arabia, which sits on some 25 per cent of the world's proven oil reserves, is of course a key factor in meeting future world demand. And the United States will need some Middle Eastern oil to meet its increasing demands. But even 10 years from now about half of American needs will be met domestically, and nearly half of the rest from elsewhere in the Western Hemisphere. Some of the remaining 25 per cent to 30 per cent will come from non-Arab lands such as Iran. Up to now, for instance, our largest supplier from the Eastern Hemisphere has been Nigeria.

As far as the Arab world is concerned, a renewed war with Israel would indeed endanger the flow of Persian Gulf oil. But this possibility seems to have blinded American opinion to the even more serious Middle East trouble spots that border directly on the oil fields. As an immediate source of oil crisis, Arab-Israeli conflict ranks somewhere below Kurdish nationalism, the Iraqi-Kuwait confrontation over the islands of Babuyan and Warba, the Iraqi-Iranian dispute over the

Shatt al Arab waterway, the Saudi tension with Abu Dhabi over the Buraimi Oasis, and the ethnic rebellion in the Dhofar province of Oman.

Arab politics might not even be as monolithic on Israel as many in the West seem to think. In spite of King Faisal's fear of the Jews, the Saudis have not forgotten that the 1967 war forced Egypt to withdraw its expeditionary force from the Yemen, from which it occasionally dropped gas bombs on Saudi border villages.

Rhetoric about Israel in fact often seems to be a "fig-leaf," as one Middle East bureaucrat puts it, for more pressing economic objectives. Saudi reluctance to increase oil production has its real origin in problems of absorbing oil revenues in a near-feudal economy. Yet the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies says the answer favoured by the Saudis and other Arabs is "a dream of transforming themselves from mere reservoirs into industrialized states, exploiting a combination of surplus capital and cheap energy in order to process oil and other goods for the world market." This dream needs cooperation from America, both as an outlet for investment money and for help creating a local petrochemical industry; the IISD remarks that industrialization depends on "assured export markets

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Jerusalem Post Reporter

THE new U.S. Secretary of State, Dr. Henry Kissinger, has a keen grasp of the complexities of the Middle East problem, said Mr. Jacob Stein, Chairman of the Conference of Presidents of the major U.S. Jewish organizations in an interview at Lod Airport before leaving Israel for New York on Sunday.

"Prof. Kissinger is a high-quality strategist who undertakes bold initiatives in foreign policy. He has a fine grasp of the complexities of the Middle East problem and is scientifically creative to make new attempts at bringing the sides together."

Mr. Stein did not believe that Prof. Kissinger would limit himself only to the interim agreement. He also felt that Prof. Kissinger had in Joseph Sisco the most knowledgeable man in the State Department, who would be of great assistance to him.

He felt that it was a true reflection of the American dream that a foreign-born man who has always acknowledged his Jewish background should rise to such high office on the basis of his outstanding personal merits, and irrespective of his religion.

Mr. Stein welcomed the appointment of new U.S. Ambassador Kenneth Keating who he believed came here with a full understanding of the people of Israel and a desire to strengthen bridges between the two countries. In doing so, he would be a most effective ambassador.

The U.S. Jewish leader expressed his concern at the outcome of today's I.C.A.O. meeting in Rome, fearing that the likelihood of I.C.A.O. taking impartial action to halt terrorism was not very promising. He noted the U.S. Government's opposition to sanctions being imposed on Israel, and said he would urge Jewish communities around the world to intensify their efforts with their own governments.

Mr. Stein strongly doubted whether any other U.S. oil company would repeat the attempt of Standard Oil to seek to interfere with the U.S. Government's foreign policy. As to the energy crisis, he did not believe that the United States would allow shreds from semi-feudal kingdoms along the Persian Gulf to dictate its policy. Moreover he felt that those concerned with preserving the stability of the world currency market would have to develop protective devices against Arab oil wealth, and find ways of controlling these huge funds which seek to purchase the assets of other nations.

During his short stay here, Mr. Stein met the Prime Minister.

The Arab-Israeli conflict ranks well behind many inter-Arab disputes as an immediate source of an oil-crisis, writes the influential U.S. newspaper, "The Wall Street Journal." In an article, reprinted below, the paper quotes a Middle East bureaucrat as saying that Israel is often used by the oil-producing states as a fig-leaf to cover up their own economic objectives.

for oil products and other manufactures."

While Saudi Arabia may suffer pressure from more militant Arab hands, the militants themselves have their own economic interests. We hear reports that Iraq's oil boycott plan, for instance, would give Iraq an increased share of the market. Libya has nationalized American properties ostensibly over Israel, but it has nationalized British properties ostentatiously over the Persian Gulf islands of Abu Musa, Greater Tumb and Lesser Tumb. It recently put production limits on Standard Oil of California despite California Standard's pro-Arab lobbying, suggesting that the real targets of the campaign are the oil companies that have not yet agreed to Libya's economic demands.

Egypt's President Anwar Sadat saluted one of Libya's national-

stations in a militant speech about beginning the battle against American interests in the Arab world. Two weeks before, he was inviting Exxon to explore for oil under a 30-year contract. Two weeks later, he was soliciting American bids for construction of a \$300 million Suez-Mediterranean pipeline.

The Arabs no doubt are tough customers to deal with, as are the Norwegians, the Ecuadorians, the Alaskans and almost anybody else who sits on oil. There may be serious troubles ahead if the Arabs decide to forego their development plans and sit on the oil instead. But the idea that the Arab world would ignore their economic interests, or would turn charitable if Israel was sacrificed, strikes us as a view tinged with the romanticism which has so often fogged the Western view of the Middle East.

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PLACID TRADING

TEL AVIV. — Turnover was low yesterday at the Tel Aviv stock exchange with prices a bit weaker after the opening and some recovery in the variables. Less than 111,000 shares were traded with a per cent in the variables. The Israel Index of share prices rose 0.07 per cent to stand at 285.72.

Turnover in bonds was lower at 5.8m. with index-linked bonds somewhat higher and foreign currency bonds narrowly mixed.

Most active among bank shares were Bank Leumi, losing one point 306 1/2 with 11,500 shares traded. Some leader was Chal Investment in 77,000 shares traded at 204 1/2.

SECTORS	37/8	24/8
Banking	201.0	201.1
Electricity	121.5	121.6
Insurance	255.2	255.3
Industrial	173.2	173.3
Commercial	285.2	285.3
Real Estate	121.5	121.6
Transport	255.2	255.3
Public Works	173.2	173.3
Services	285.2	285.3
Utilities	121.5	121.6
Others	255.2	255.3

WALL STREET

Climb continues

NEW YORK (AP). — The stock market continued to climb steadily yesterday as investors moved in to pick up bargains and ignored the latest rise in the bank prime lending rate.

Advances held a lead over declines in some of the lightest trading this year. Industrials, financial and transportation issues were ahead, and utilities were mixed.

The newest rise in the prime lending rate to 9 1/2 per cent from 9 1/4 led by Chase Manhattan Bank.

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Chase ups prime rate to 9 3/4%

NEW YORK. — Chase Manhattan Bank, America's third largest, announced yesterday that it was increasing its prime lending rate to 9 3/4 per cent from 9 1/4 per cent, effective immediately.

If the rise becomes industry-wide, as most observers expect, it would mark the 15th time this year that American banks have lifted the minimum lending rate they charge their most creditworthy corporate customers.

In Washington, a spokesman for the Committee on Interest and Dividends, part of the President's economic control programme, said the committee had no comment on the move. The announcement by Chase Manhattan comes a week after the last 1/4 percentage point rise spread through the industry.

The prime rate stood at six per cent in January. Many observers stand 1 1/2 points above the previous record high set during the credit-crunch of 1969-70.

In European money markets, the U.S. dollar opened lower yesterday, but sources said the slight decline from Friday's rates probably was caused by the normal effects of supply and demand.

The London Exchange stayed closed for a bank holiday. In Frankfurt the dollar traded at 2.4500 marks, and the pound sterling traded at a 6.04 mark median rate. (AP, UPI)

OLD-AGE PENSIONS UP

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Government old age and survivors pensions have gone up, following the July rise in salaries, the National Insurance Institute said this week.

The increased monthly payments, retroactive to July, are: IL164.10 for a single person (IL222.10 including social benefits); IL248.15 for a family of two (IL344.15) and IL311.80 for a family of three (IL433.80).

The number of persons eligible for these payments totals 238,000 family units, or about 335,000 persons. The increases are in line with a recent amendment to the law allowing an automatic rise whenever salaries are compensated for higher prices or when there is a rise in the cost of living index.

Labour Minister Yosef Almog said there had been an average 11 per cent annual increase over the last five years in the number of persons receiving old age and survivors pensions. He said there were 22 persons now receiving the monthly pensions for every 100 working persons. This year, the combined pension and social benefits constituted 20.3 per cent of the average wage, meaning that an aged person with no other income remained above the poverty line, said the Minister.

Walkout at Ford in Germany

COLOGNE, Germany (AP). — Production halted yesterday at Ford Motor Company's plant in Cologne as most of its 32,000 employees staged sporadic wildcat strikes for the second week to demand higher wages and better working conditions.

The workers were also protesting the dismissal of 300 Turkish employees fired earlier for overstaying their leave.

Some 12,000 workers chanted slogans and waved banners in a march to the company's administration buildings to dramatize their demand for a 60 pfennig increase in their hourly wages and better working and vacation conditions.

Meanwhile, at Bochum in the nearby Ruhr industrial area of North Rhine Westphalia State, 19,000 employees of two Adam Opel A.G. auto plants were back at work after a three-day strike ended Friday.

The Opel employees were among 50,000 metal workers who struck last week to show their dissatisfaction over rising prices.

Canada rail strike

OTTAWA (AP). — Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau yesterday called his cabinet together to plan a response to the nationwide Canadian rail strike now in its fourth day.

His move strengthened speculation that the government will recall parliament out of summer recess to consider legislation to halt the crippling walkout.

Shopkeepers join Chile's strikers

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP). — Chile's store owners and shopkeepers announced yesterday another anti-government strike and two professional associations publicly asked President Salvador Allende to resign.

Rafael Cumsille, President of the Small Businessmen's Confederation, said the organization's 140,000 members would close their doors for 24 hours today. They went on a two-day strike last week protesting alleged government discrimination against private enterprise in the distribution of food and goods.

The Chilean Medical Association and the Confederation of Professionals both publicly asked Allende to resign as president, accusing him of seeking to destroy the labour union and professional movement in Chile as pursues his socialist programme.

They singled out the nation's truck owners who have been on strike since July 26, demanding new vehicles, more spare parts, imports and higher tariffs. They also want guarantees that they will not be nationalized.

The government put the military in charge of whole-scale confiscation of idle vehicles, but the trucks have remained in rural fields, their tires and engine parts removed by the strikers.

Many bus and taxi owners later joined the transport strike, with only some lines in Santiago returning to work last week.

Allende was confronted with another cabinet crisis last week when Gen. Carlos Prats, Defense Minister and Chilean army chief, resigned from the government and the military.

It was reported that he would reshuffle the 15-member cabinet this week, naming only civilians to ministerial posts.

Allende named a new cabinet Aug. 9 which included the three military service chiefs and the commander of the nation's uniformed police. Gen. Cesar Ruiz, air force chief, resigned early last week followed by Prats. The imminent resignation of the Navy commander, Admiral

General strike threat in Denmark

COPENHAGEN (AP). — Thousands of Danish workers walked off the job yesterday threatening air, sea and land traffic and closing down major factories indefinitely.

The action was in protest at the conviction of a labour leader last week over a controversial picketing incident. He was fined \$200 for allegedly inciting an incident during union action against the American-owned Hope Computer Company last Spring.

The protest movement was building up hour by hour and threatened to reach the proportions of a general strike by today, according to union sources.

At Copenhagen's international airport, Eastrup, striking truck drivers held up fuel supplies, causing delays up to one hour for departing aircraft.

Summer fruits earn more

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel has exported 1,430 tons of summer fruits — peaches, nectarines, apricots and grapes, earning \$850,000, twice the sum earned last year.

A spokesman for Agrisco Israel's agricultural export company said the firm this week started exporting pomegranates. The company expects to export 150 tons of this fruit, the same quantity it exported a year ago.

Agrisco will start the avocado export season in two or three weeks, with a projected export target of 8,500 to 10,000 tons compared to last year's 7,700 tons.

Panama Canal reopens after pilots' strike

PANAMA (AP). — Panama Canal pilots called off a two-week slowdown yesterday and agreed to return to work immediately to clear up a backlog of 113 ships waiting to go through the waterway.

The Panama Canal Co. announced it had agreed to withdraw court action against the Panama Canal Pilots' Assn.

The pilots complained that they were greatly overworked and demanded that their force be enlarged.

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The Municipality of Hadera hereby invites contractors to submit bids for sewerage works, comprising construction of the Eastern Main Collector of the Town of Hadera.

Tender Documents and forms of Tender can be obtained against payment of IL150. (non-refundable) from the Municipality, Room No. 208, Rehov Hillel Yafe, Hadera.

Prospective bidders should submit their bids in two copies, on the forms to be supplied to them, and in compliance with the conditions of the Tender. Bids accompanied by a Bank Guarantee of 5% of the bid total, valid for a period ending 120 days from last date set for the submission of the tender, must be placed in the tender box at the Municipality of Hadera, not later than noon on October 9, 1973.

The envelope containing the bid should be marked: Tender No. 09/B-3/ISP/73 The Israel Sewerage Project

Bids submitted without the required Bank Guarantee will not be considered.

Terms of Payment: as specified in the Tender Documents.

Bids may be submitted by contractors who had been prequalified and have been notified to that effect.

Bids may also be submitted by others who are registered in the Contractors' Register under the sections, Sewerage, Drainage and Waterworks. These contractors will be supplied with Prequalification Forms and confirmation of their being a qualified bidder will be issued to them within 10 days of submission of the completed documents.

A site inspection tour for contractors will be held on September 9, 1973, leaving from the office of the Municipality at 10.30 a.m.

The Tender Board is not bound to accept the lowest or any other bid for the entire Tender or parts thereof.

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Moscow denounces Peking

ALMOST on the eve of the summit meeting of 74 non-aligned nations, due to open in Algeria on September 5, the Soviet Union has stepped up its verbal and written attacks on China, culminating in a vicious denunciation of China's leaders. They were accused, among other things, of seeking to dominate Asia with their nuclear might.

In recent months there has been an exchange of bitter accusations and much recrimination between Peking and Moscow. The two nations are more highly suspicious of each other than ever following the separate rapprochement of both with the United States. In both capitals there are elements who have not acquiesced in the more friendly ties with Washington, and who fear that the only advantage in the present circumstances will be for the U.S.

But instead of coming out openly against the powerful leaders, Chou En-lai in China and Leonid Brezhnev in Russia, they direct their attacks against the "revisionist" elements in both countries. Apparently it was felt in Moscow that the Chinese have gone too far in search of domination. Brezhnev's personal foreign affairs adviser, Y. Alexandrov, has produced a three-page article in "Pravda," which accuses China's leaders of concentrating their efforts in the nuclear field in order to win their goals in the international arena by force and threats.

The Soviets have realized that by strengthening the ties with the U.S., the People's Republic of China has bought itself much-needed time for general reorganization. The end of the American involvement in the Vietnam War has removed a major threat from China's southern borders. By improving their relations with Tokyo, in turn, China has sought to protect its eastern flank. By supporting Pakistan in its struggle against India, it has tried to

strengthen the south-western frontiers.

There remained only the long land border with Russia, on which a million and a half Soviet soldiers have been poised since 1969. Although China does not anticipate a major conflict with Russia, it is taking into account the possibility of incidents on the disputed border that could flare up into sharp but localized conflicts. China urgently wants to draw attention to the threat and rally some support to her cause.

For its part, Russia cannot appear with equanimity as a nation which has had to plead for food from the U.S. in order to avert a major shortage, and thus openly admit that after almost 60 years of Communism, the system is unable to feed a growing population. To cover up for many shortcomings, the Soviets have intensified their anti-Chinese campaign, hoping to deflect the attention of their citizens from their own problems, and also to direct that of the world to the tensions between the two Communist giants.

But Moscow has taken a grotesquely extremist position in the anti-Chinese line. A Russian report even claimed that the Soviets have concluded a pact with the "imperialist-reactionary" forces in Israel and the U.S. China is accused of supporting those in Israel seeking annexation of territory.

Moscow is hitting out in various directions with increasing vigour and using violent and vicious language, mainly on ideological grounds. But the Soviets are still restrained and make few real threats against the Chinese. The attacks are at present motivated mainly by internal considerations and a new appreciation of the international situation, with a need to revive the anti-Chinese policy and try to encourage those elements in China who oppose the Chou line. There is no crisis yet.

With Prejudice II by Alex Berlyne

CHANGING FASCIST FASHIONS

IT'S still considered a crime to debate the currency, even in a rapidly slipping economy like ours, but it seems to be perfectly acceptable nowadays to debate the language. I'm not referring to sloppy slang phrases, technical jargon or mixed-up syntax, though these are all too common, but to the degeneration of language as a vehicle for ideas.

Anyone who has had to listen to the incoherent outpourings of the New Left and its sympathisers, punctuated by all the fashionable conjunctions like "like," will know what's happened to the loom of language — it's been shot full of holes.

Some time ago, when I wrote a column debating whether hashish was a Good Thing, I was assailed both verbally and in writing by a number of trends who disagreed with me on the subject. Most of them, interestingly enough, were in agreement about one thing only even though they were rather vague in presenting their common cause — they called me a Fascist. This seems to have become a common term of abuse among today's young generation and I think it's about time they were reminded of the real meaning of the word.

Fact of life

In the world in which I grew up Fascism was an inescapable fact of life. By the mid-thirties the majority of European countries, 16 out of 26, had Fascist governments and there were plenty of spare Fascist parties to go round even at that. A recent book by Otto Ernst Schmidt has totted up a grand total of 49 Fascist parties or movements in Europe at the time and some of them were active in our predominantly Jewish neighbourhood enabling the young Berlyne to witness their shenanigans at close range.

From their point of view it was completely useless to hold their meetings in Cheltenham or Basing, say, where the disgruntled middle-classes might have been expected to greet their outpourings with approval. Provocation was the key-word and Jewish districts filled the bill admirably. The ground would be carefully laid by peeping walls, railway carriages, public houses and the local town-hall with announcements designed to whip-up anti-fascist hysteria.

Mosley's bully-boys would gleefully welcome any attempt to ban the meeting and the resultant publicity. Then, on the appointed day, their bugles and drums would precede the ranks of black-shirted marchers whose route to the meeting-hall was carefully calculated to provide the greatest number of people. Sometimes the meeting would be staged in the heart of a Jewish area by the simple means of using a flag-draped lorry as a platform from which the amplified venom would be poured.

As often as not, their tactics worked. A friend of mine once succeeded in bending a Fascist hugger's instrument over his head and for a while enjoyed the admiration of us all as well as, unknown to us, that of the leadership of the British Union of Fascists. For some reason, the magistrates always seemed to be of the opinion that it was the anti-fascists who offered the provocation and usually dismissed the charges against the Blackshirts. On one such occasion both the Leader, Sir Oswald Mosley, and his then Chief of Propaganda, William Joyce (the notorious Lord Haw-Haw), were cleared of a charge of riotous assembly in record time.

After 1938, when the threat of the German and Italian strains of the disease became more evident, the local Blackshirts were forbidden to parade in uniform and for a while enjoyed the admiration of us all as well as, unknown to us, that of the leadership of the British Union of Fascists. For some reason, the magistrates always seemed to be of the opinion that it was the anti-fascists who offered the provocation and usually dismissed the charges against the Blackshirts. On one such occasion both the Leader, Sir Oswald Mosley, and his then Chief of Propaganda, William Joyce (the notorious Lord Haw-Haw), were cleared of a charge of riotous assembly in record time.

What exactly Fascism was is more difficult to describe than its manifestations. These were very well-defined indeed, consisting of forcible feeding with castor-oil, torture-chambers, mass-extremism (in the German version) and generalised fright-



THE OLD AND THE NEW: Britain's arch-Fascist Sir Oswald Mosley as an M.P. in 1930. The new model — member of a Hell's Angels gang.

fulness. Its ideology was always vague and some of its principal exponents were rather proud of the fact. Benito Mussolini went on record to say there were too many programmes: "Our programme is simple. We want to govern Italy." The Nazi elite were well aware of the fact that ideology took a back seat in Hitler's calculations, which is one reason why Alfred Rosenberg, the party's theoretician, was considered something of a joke. Writing in his diary after the Nuremberg Trials, Hans Frank, the erstwhile Governor-General of Poland, maintained that Hitler's person was the only ideology: "If he had, for example, suddenly proclaimed friendship for the Jews it would have been accepted."

Common denominator

What common denominator there is to all the brands of Fascism which defaced Europe, whether radical, clerical or even left-wing, may be rather tenuous but it is undeniably there. First, they were anti. They were against the idea of the rights of the individual, which is fundamental to the Judeo-Christian tradition, and they were against the "ideas of 1789," which is another way of saying "Liberty, Equality and Fraternity." They were against other nations, other systems and other religions — which sometimes brought them into conflict with foreign Fascist parties because of the nationalist element in their thinking.

In the place of the traditional liberties, they advocated authority, discipline and an elite hierarchy. The Marxist approach based on a class struggle was anathema to them, seeking as they were a "unified" nation and their conception of a corporate state, with its vertical trade-union structure where both management and workers belonged to the same group, effectively robbed the employee of his one weapon — the strike.

Instead of the struggle between the classes, the Fascists idealized war, the struggle between nations, and worshipped violence as opposed to the "bourgeois" techniques of arbitration and compromise. This sort of attitude was expressed by Mussolini in his famous dictum: "War is to the man what maternity is to the woman," as well as in the gibberish of many of his followers praising the creative role of violence. Fascism's most typical utterance in this vein comes from the Rumanian Iron Guard whose slogan was "Long live death!"

Anyone boiling up on this horrid subject will be sorely struck by the many parallels between classical Fascism and the new sub-culture which today imagines itself to be left-wing. There is the same impatience with democracy, perhaps the most difficult of all political systems ever evolved and certainly the one which requires the most maturity. There is the same stress on the irrational and on instinct and the identical urge to tear down the outmoded past and build some vague, glorious something just as if the Marxist Manifesto were being written all over again.

When the Rolling Stones appeared at the Altamont Pop Festival some time ago, the organisers hired a gang of Hell's Angels to keep order. Three hundred or so of these weirdos, sporting German coal-scuttle helmets, swastikas and iron-crosses, made it plain that brutal violence and homicide were part of the new culture. Their iconography symbolises their utter rejection of common decency and the standards of morality generally accepted in the society they repudiate.

It's odd that one of their commonest epithets is "Fascist."

Nixon, Kissinger and Europe

Davos (Eilat) writes that of the many important matters before President Nixon and Dr. Kissinger in foreign affairs, not the least of them is Europe with impending talks between East and West on the reduction of forces in Europe and the Salt talks. The most significant task is the housekeeping of the Atlantic alliance, which is in rundown condition since its founding 25 years ago. The chances of breaking the deadlock within Western Europe at the forthcoming meeting of nine

western foreign ministers in Copenhagen and the consolidation of a single stand for the confrontation with President Nixon's proposed visits are slim. This increases the possibility of a bilateral reduction of forces by the U.S. and the Soviet Union, without full coordination with the Atlantic Allies.

Hastede (N.R.P.) says the settlement at Pithat Rafiah is the first pioneering type settlement by Soviet Jewish immigrants, many of them professionals and college graduates. They have significantly chosen the Pithat Rafiah region, newly opened to settlement. Religious Jews from Russia have asked to settle in Kiryat Arba near Eilat as well. There is much work to be done in assisting their settlement and absorption.

Omer (Eilat) writes the Soviet Jewish immigrants' settlement of Pithat Rafiah as being in the best of our pioneer tradition.

ABUSE OF LAW

Law protest on Ikrit and Bir'im

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — We, members of the Faculty of Law of the Tel Aviv University, wish to express our opposition to the use of the Mandatory Emergency Regulations to close the villages of Ikrit and Bir'im. The use of the above emergency powers must be limited to the purpose set forth by the law, i.e. "securing the public safety, the defence of Israel, the maintenance of public order and the suppression of mutiny, rebellion and riot, and for maintaining supplies and services essential to the life of the community." We believe that there is no need to use these far-reaching powers against peaceful residents, citizens of Israel, who wish to act lawfully for the purpose of returning to the villages where they were born.

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Tel Aviv, August 19.

TENANTS, BEWARE!

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — I would like to draw the attention of your readers who need to rent an apartment in Israel, whether they be visitors or residents or prospective immigrants, to the practice I have encountered on the insertion of a clause in the contract that ties the rent to the general cost of living index. The result of this clause is that one can pay as much as an extra 18 per cent over the year over the space of a year. For every time the price of sugar or rice or anything else rises, the rent is automatically as well, even if there is a price freeze on at the time.

MORDELL KLEIN

Jerusalem, August 20.

Engineer's report ignored

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — In your report about Beit Dagon's fight for survival (August 8), I was amazed by the statement of the Ministerial Economic Committee, had decided to dismantle Beit Dagon because noise from future supersonic aircraft using Lod Airport would make life in the township impossible.

I would like to call attention to a report I worked on, issued in early 1966 by the Parameters Committee appointed by the Minister of Transport and headed by Professor M. Aron, which reviewed the technical aspect of using Lod Airport for supersonic civilian aircraft. The conclusions of the report, attested to unanimously by all the members of the Committee, indicated that the two major contenders for supersonic airframes, at the time the Boeing 2707 and the French-British Concorde, would in no way create a noise problem, or exceed the noise standards established by the Federal Aviation Agency of the U.S. This includes the most unlikely possibility of sonic booms over land masses in or around the airport, because the aircraft would be landing and taking off strictly in the subsonic regime.

Since the time of the report, the U.S. Congress has withheld development funds for the Boeing 2707, causing that project to collapse and leaving only the possibility of the Concorde showing up at our airport in the foreseeable future. But since this airplane will be operating out of airports like London, Paris and New York and will be certified under the noise provisions of Part 36 of the F.A.A. regulations, it is expected that the Concorde will be no noisier than the Boeing 747 now operating out of Lod.

If this were the reason for the Ministerial Committee's decision to dismantle Beit Dagon, it would have been prudent on their part to have considered the results of the Parameters Committee, and the young demonstrators would have fared much better by seeking out over the Local Council's offices as a protest against the Council's inability to forestall the Committee's decision.

HARRY MANKUTA, Manager, Flight Test Engineering, Israeli Aircraft Industries

Tsahala, August 8.

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Readers' letters

SEARCH DELAYED

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — I am Doron Lotan's mother — the mother of the 23-year-old man who was found dead after having been missing for 21 days, during 19 of which he was alive, according to the pathologist's report. Notwithstanding all my efforts, I was unable to get any help from the police, beyond the routine broadcast of his disappearance, since the police claimed it was not their job to look for anyone who was 23 years old and chose to disappear, but that of his family.

It was only after Netan Dumevich took up my problem on his radio programme, "Let us talk," that he

persuaded the police to print a missing person announcement which appeared on July 27 — the very day my son's body was found.

Had the police shown more humanity, interest and efficiency, it might have been possible to save the dear life of a young man who was the light of my life.

Moreover, so many untruths have been published about my son that I can only beg people to have some mercy for his mother and to leave me with my grief and to cease troubling me with questions.

TAMARA LOTAN
Tel Aviv, August 11.

THE BNEI ISRAEL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Your report on Dimona of August 10 presents the Bnei Israel of India in a manner which might give your readers the wrong impression. The case of one family was given and might induce your readers to make unfair generalisations.

The Bnei Israel are actively involved in the social, economic and cultural life of the state and their sons serve in the army and contribute a great deal to Israel's productivity. I don't think there are as many exceptional cases such as this one among Indian immigrants as in other communities.

YITZHAK PERETS, Mayor
Dimona, August 19.

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